DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Special Shrimp Season Opening, Portion of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons, and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall have the authority to open or close outside waters by zone each year as it deems appropriate upon inspection of and based upon technical and biological data which indicates that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and a resolution adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on December 3, 2009 which authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open and close special shrimp seasons in any portion of state inside waters where such a season would not detrimentally impact developing brown shrimp populations, the Secretary hereby declares:

That open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described by the double-rig line (LA R.S.56:495.1) shall open to shrimping at 6:00 pm April 28, 2010. These waters shall remain open to shrimping until further notice.

Robert J. Barham Secretary

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